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Hakim to head DMB facilities operations

LANSING – A facilities engineer with extensive institutional and commercial experience has been named director of Facilities Administration for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget (DMB). George N. Hakim will begin his new position Oct. 2.

"Mr. Hakim brings a strong technical background and a wealth of experience to the department," said DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe. "He is an accomplished facilities administration professional who has successfully managed diverse projects for academic institutions and firms involved with automotive product development, the hospitality industry, and engineering."

In his new role, Hakim will oversee an extensive facilities operation that provides building operations, design, construction, planning, parking, security and real estate services for state government as well as related services for public institutions. More than 300 employees work in the administration's four divisions: real estate, building operations, design and construction, and planning, parking and security.

Hakim, who is a licensed professional engineer, currently serves as operations director for the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills. He was vice president of operations for the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy and building superintendent for the Westin Hotel Renaissance Center in Detroit. He managed facilities operations and human resources for Modern Engineering Inc. and worked as a structural and civil engineer for the former Giffels Associates Inc., both located in suburban Detroit.

Hakim earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit and continued post-graduate study at Wayne State University.

He will replace Okey Eneli, who left DMB in February to become director of engineering and construction at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

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NOTE: Mr. Hakim's name is pronounced hay kem.